General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
  (GL)

AN ACT CONCERNING CONSUMER CONTRACTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1   Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Any person or entity
2   engaged in the sale or provision of telecommunications services,
3   community antenna television services, certified competitive video
4   services, television services, Internet services or a combination of such
5   services shall make the following disclosures to a consumer when such
6   services are offered for sale to such consumer: (1) An estimate of such
7   consumer's total monthly bill, including all collateral charges, taxes
8   and fees, (2) whether the consumer is entering into a contract for a
9   specific term and the term of the contract, if applicable, (3) any term in
10   the contract, if applicable, that will cause the consumer's initial total
11   monthly bill to increase, together with the date such increase will take
12   place and an estimate of the total monthly bill after such increase,
13   including all collateral charges, taxes and fees, and (4) that if the actual
14   total monthly bill received by the consumer is more than five per cent
15   greater than the estimate provided, such consumer shall have the right
16   to cancel the contract at any time without penalty.

17   (b) No transaction entered into in violation of subsection (a) of this
18 section shall be enforceable by the person or entity selling or providing
19 such services.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*October 1, 2011*	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To protect purchasers of certain television, Internet and telephone services.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]